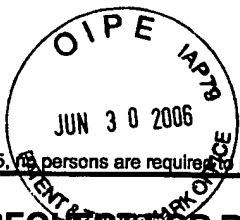


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This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

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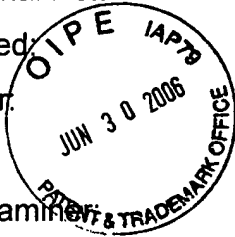
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are submitting the present document concurrently with a notice of appeal for the above-noted application. Applicants are requesting that the Office review the final rejection of the claims as set forth in a final office action dated March 24, 2006 and an advisory action dated June 14, 2006. No amendments are being filed with this request.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 14, 15 and 17 are pending in the application, and stand finally rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,000,242 to Haber, hereinafter "Haber", in view of M. Brown, *Using Netscape 2*, 1995, page 167, hereinafter "Brown".

Examiner's Errors:

The final office action indicates that Haber discloses a video presentation including a hypervideo hyperlink emphasis region, and that Brown discloses that a user can setup an internet browser using a different color for links. The final office action then asserts that the Haber and Brown patents, in combination, disclose the elements of claim 1. Applicants submit that the Examiner omits essential elements needed for a prima facie rejection.

In a response mailed May 24, 2006, from page 7 to page 9, Applicants explained that:

- (1) Haber does not disclose a video presentation including a hyperlink or other emphasis region; and
- (2) Brown does not disclose or suggest that such hyperlinks can be displayed in a gray-scale or reverse-color format.

Haber discloses a webpage generated by host server 205 includes several main areas (col. 5, lines 52-57). A first area is the video content area 305, which displays the video content (col. 5, lines 57-60). A second area is the image area 310, which displays the image which corresponds with the segment of the video content currently being displayed in the video content area 305 (col. 6, lines 4-7). The image is embedded with an image map which defines the shape and size of each of the areas in which the products are located in the image, and each region is anchored to an associated hyperlink which links to a corresponding sponsor website where information about the item featured in that area is available (col. 6, lines 21-27). Haber thus only discloses that the **still image includes hyperlinks** to specific products featured in the video and on the image. Haber **does not disclose a hyperlink or other emphasis region within the video display itself.**

Brown discloses that hyperlinks on a web page can be configured to have different colors. Brown **does not disclose or suggest that such hyperlinks can be displayed in a gray-scale or reverse-color format**. Simply providing emphasis regions having selected colors would not ensure that the colors are sufficiently distinct from the surrounding video so that the emphasis region can be clearly seen. Brown's teaching of selectable colors does not suggest that the emphasis region colors should have any relationship to the colors of the surrounding video.

For the reasoning provided above, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited combination of Haber and Brown is improper for purposes of a section 103(a) rejection of the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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